

I am very concerned that the electric power industry's proposal to deploy BPL poses a serious threat of harmful interference to Amateur Radio reception. As a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 1965, I know that the potentially large increase in the HF and VHF spectrum ambient noise level from power line radiation of BPL transmissions will undermine my ability to receive weak signals. I do not believe that the public interest supports allowing the power industry to cause harmful interference to an FCC-licensed service such as Amateur Radio. In the event of a national emergency, hams will be called upon to support emergency telecommunications when commercial service fails or is overloaded, just as it has done in untold circumstances before. Weak signal reception is what hams are trained to deal with, and if they cannot receive such signals because of BPL noise, then they cannot be nearly as effective in emergency situations. Moreover, it is virtually certain that transmissions from my station and thousands of other Amateur Radio stations will cause havoc to the BPL service, which in turn will result in massive, highly aggressive levels of complaints to the Commission -- and calls for Congressional action. I support the comments filed in this proceeding by the America Radio Relay League (ARRL), and I ask that the Commission either terminate this proceeding now or call upon representatives of interested parties to work toward a consensus on these interference issues as a condition to BPL deployment. Thank you.